MR. K. S. JOSEPH : ഒരു താലൂക്കിൽനിന്ന് ഒരു കൃഷിക്കാരന് അയാൾ താമസിക്കുന്ന താലൂക്കിൽ നെല്ല് കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതിന് അവിടത്തെ തഹശീൽദാരുടെ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറു് വേണമെന്ന ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രിക്കു് അറിയാമോ ?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH : സർട്ടിഫിക്കറു് കൊടുക്കണം. മറു താലൂക്കുകളിൽ നെല്ലുണ്ടോ ഇല്ലയോ എന്നറിയേണ്ടതുകൊണ്ടു് അതു കൂടിയേതീരൂ.

Verifieation of stock of food grains.

21. MR. K. S. JOSEPH: Will the Honourable Minister for Food be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether at any time physical verification of stock was conducted ;

(*b*) if so, whether any shortage was anywhere detected and in which Depot ;

(*c*) who were the Depot Officers ;

(*d*) are such losses being recovered from all;

(*e*) if not, why ;

(*f*) whether there is any instance in which stock actually received has not been entered in the stock register of the Depot ; and

(*g*) if so what steps were taken against the officer concerned ?

(i) to make up the loss ;

(ii) by way of discipline ?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The actual shortage of stock will be known after the audit of stock is over.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) Do not arise in view of answer to part (*b*).

(*f*) No such instance has yet so far been reported.

(*g*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*f*).

Price of Rice.

22. MR. D. GNANASIGAMONI (*Kalkulam II—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Food be pleased to state :

(*a*) the price at which rice was being sold by Government in January 1948 ;

(*b*) whether this Government had been advised by the Government of the Indian Dominion that the price per bag of rice was being raised to Rs. 46 ;

(*c*) and if so. the date on which such communication was received ;

(*d*) whether the sale price in Travancore was correspondingly raised ;

(*e*) if not, why not ;

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(*f*) who is responsible for the loss thus incurred ; and

(*g*) whether any steps have been taken by Government to recover from the delinquent the amount of loss ?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: (*a*) B. Rs. 25-3-0 per bag of 160 pounds net.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 17-1-1948

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The matter will require careful consideration by Government.

(*f*) and (*g*) Do not arise in view of answer to part (*e*).

MR. D GNANASIGAMONI: As regards answer to part (*e*) may I know whether the matter was considered subsequently ?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: That is under consideration.

MR. D. GNANASIGAMONI: May I know when Government would consider this matter ?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: I am sorry that I cannot give the exact date.

MR. R K. RAM: May I know from the Honourable Minister this consideration would be done by the present Government ?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: I don't think that this question requires any answer.

MR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHA NADAR: ஒரு பறைக்கு இரண்டு ரூபாய்க வாங்கி மூன்று ரூபாய்க்கு விற்பதில் சர்க்காருக்கு என்ன லாபம் ?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: There is no question on that. Government purchase at the rate of Rs. 2 and sell at the rate of Rs. 3.

MR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHA NADAR: விலையில் எதாவது தாயமுண்டா?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: There is a difference of Re. 1 per para of paddy.

MR. A. NESAMONY: May I know whether Government have not received a protest in the form of a petition dated 17-1-48 concerning this ?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: I claim notice.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PILLAI: கவர்மென்று நிறக்கு விலை 3ரூ 4 அணை என்று தெரியுமா ?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: The Honourable Member will kindly put that question in English.

MR K. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Does the Honourable Minister know that the Niraku price is Rs. 3-4-0 ?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: Government is aware of that..

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